



## H.CON.RES. 353 – RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON, 36TH PRESIDENT, DESIGNER OF THE GREAT SOCIETY, POLITICIAN, EDUCATOR, AND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCER

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 353 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) on May 16, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 353 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 19, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 353 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors Lyndon B. Johnson for his fortitude in passing the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965;
- Extols the contributions of Lyndon B. Johnson to the United States, and his commitment to eliminating poverty in the War on Poverty through the Economic Opportunity Act;
- Commends Lyndon B. Johnson for establishing the Medicare Act of 1965 that has helped millions of Americans; and
- Recognizes the 100th birthday of Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President, designer of the Great Society, politician, educator, and civil rights enforcer.

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### BACKGROUND

Lyndon Baines Johnson was born on August 27, 1908, in central Texas. Growing up in rural Texas and working his way through Southwest Texas State Teachers College (now known as Texas State University-San Marcos), Mr. Johnson lived and eventually taught impoverished students of Mexican descent.

He served in World War II as a Navy lieutenant commander and won a Silver Star in the South Pacific theatre. Later in 1937, Mr. Johnson won a seat in the House of Representatives running on a New Deal platform as a Democrat. His campaign was aided by his wife, Claudia "Lady Bird" Taylor, whom he married in 1934. After serving six terms in the House, he was elected to the Senate in 1948 and became the youngest Minority Leader in history.

Mr. Johnson ran as Mr. John F. Kennedy's running mate in their successful 1960 presidential campaign and served as Vice President to President Kennedy. After the assassination of President Kennedy, Mr. Johnson was sworn in as President on November 22, 1963. President Johnson won the 1964 election with 61 percent of the vote. President Johnson died of a heart attack on his Texas ranch on January 22, 1973.

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